

House Resolution 373

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Gordon of the 162nd, Jackson of the 161st, Bryant of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman James "Jay"
2 Burke, and the 2007 St. Patrick's Day Parade's grand marshal, John Burke, and inviting them
3 to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the 2007 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, will mark the 183rd
5 occasion on which this festive event has been held in this beautiful historic city with proud
6 Irish roots; and

7 WHEREAS, this celebration was begun in 1824 by the Hibernian Society of Savannah,
8 which was formed to aid the early Irish immigrants to Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, many Irish organizations have contributed to the longevity and success of this
10 celebration, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, which was formed in 1926, has
11 carried on the tradition for the past 81 years; and

12 WHEREAS, according to one of Ireland's former Prime Ministers, "Ireland is where strange
13 tales begin and happy endings are possible," and the same holds true for the enchanting City
14 of Savannah; and

15 WHEREAS, this historic annual parade is among the largest Irish celebrations in the nation,
16 is held in the lovely historic district, and is always a joyous and meaningful occasion for the
17 citizens of Savannah, Chatham County, and the State of Georgia.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 this body recognizes and honors the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,
20 Chairman James "Jay" Burke, and the 2007 St. Patrick's Day Parade's grand marshal, John
21 Burke, for their tireless efforts and great work in organizing and on behalf of the 2007 St.
22 Patrick's Day Parade and their many important contributions to their community and state

1 and invites them to appear before this body on a date and at a time designated by the Speaker
2 of the House of Representatives.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the St. Patrick's Day Parade
5 committee chairman, James "Jay" Burke, and the grand marshal of Savannah's 2007 St.
6 Patrick's Day Parade, John Burke.